23. Public Instruction.—Education made substantial progress during the year. There was an increase of 112 schools and 2,868 scholars. Out of the school-going population of boys nearly 27 per cent. and of girls nearly 14 per cent. were under instruction. The results of the public examinations were favourable. A Physical Laboratory was opened in His Highness the Maha Raja's College and arrangements are being made for attaching a hostel to the College. There were 17 Technical Schools, with 837 pupils in them, receiving instruction in engineering and commercial subjects and in the arts of weaving, carpentry, blacksmith's work, lace-making, embroidery, drawing and painting. The new Fee Regulation came into force, under which the rates of fees in Boys' schools were raised and half-rates in English Schools for Girls were for the first time introduced. Government have under contemplation the appointment of an Inspectress of Girls' Schools and the introduction of manual training in educational institutions. The receipts and expenditure of the Educational Department amounted to Rs. 1,45,717 and Rs. 7,11,181 respectively. The net cost to Government was Rs. 5,65,464 as against Rs. 5,51,742 in the previous year.

24. Finance.—I have ordered the final statements of receipts and expenditure for 1082 to be circulated to all the members. A summary of the figures is given below :—

	Service Heads.	Debt Heads.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts of 1082	1,01,72,816	1,42,15,178	2,43,87,994
Add opening balance	68,34,017	21,48,560	89,82,577
Total.....	1,70,06,833	1,63,63,738	3,33,70,571
Disbursements of 1082	1,03,76,478	1,45,82,434	2,49,58,912
Add closing balance	66,30,355	17,81,304	84,11,659
Total.....	1,70,06,833	1,63,63,738	3,33,70,571

The disbursements under "service heads" exceeded the receipts under those heads by Rs. 2,03,662. That was the deficit of the year. If the outlay of over 3½ lakhs of rupees incurred on the Kodayar works had been charged to capital account, there would have been, not a deficit, but a surplus of about a lakh and a half of rupees. Compared to 1081, the receipts of 1082 showed an increase under several heads, aggregating in all to Rs. 6,81,656. The disbursements decreased by Rs. 34,383. The result was that the deficit of 1082 was only Rs. 2,03,662, as against a deficit of Rs. 9,19,701 which occurred in the previous year. I trust,

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